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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
AGREEMENT  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request approval to amend the Medical Research and Education Agreement with Rancho Research Institute, Inc. for the Department of Health Services, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Director of Health Services (Director), or his designee, to execute Amendment No.1 to Agreement No. H-204040 with Rancho Research Institute, Inc., (RRI) effective upon Board approval for the period November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2016, with an option to extend the term on a month-to-month basis for up to twelve months for the provision of Research and Education services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (RLANRC) with no County cost.
2. Delegate authority to the Director, or his designee, to amend the Agreement to exercise the twelve month-to-month extension options and add, delete and/or change non-substantive terms and conditions in the Agreement.

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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

RRI is a non-profit organization whose mission is that of engaging in activities which contribute to the science of medicine. The medical research and education programs funded, supported and/or offered by RRI have proved to be of substantial added value to the patients at RLANRC, as well as to the medical community and the public at large. Approval of the first recommendation will allow the Director to execute an amendment, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with RRI to extend the term of the Agreement for the period November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2016, to continue providing medical research and education projects. During the extension period the Department of Health Services (DHS) will evaluate the department's goals and negotiate a new agreement for approval by the Board.

Approval of the second recommendation will allow the Director to exercise the option to extend the term of the Agreement for up to twelve months in the event additional time is needed to obtain approval of a successor agreement and will also allow the Director to add, delete and/or change non-substantive terms and conditions in the Agreement.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action supports Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery of the County's Strategic Plan.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The medical research and education projects performed under the Agreement will be financially aided by grants, contracts, and donations made by government and private agencies and persons, and by funds contributed by RRI.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

RRI was organized by Physicians at RLANRC to obtain grants and contracts from public sources to conduct research and educational activities, which directly benefit the patients. The current Agreement was for the period October 6, 1994 through October 31, 2004, with provision for a 10 year automatic renewal.

County Counsel has approved Exhibit I as to form.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

RRI is a non-profit organization which was created specifically for the purpose of providing medical research and educational programs for the patients at RLANRC.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of the recommendations will ensure the continuation of research and educational activities, which directly benefit the patient population at RLANRC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

MEDICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AGREEMENT  
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS MEDICAL CENTER

Amendment No. 5

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014,

By and between

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
(hereafter "County"),

And

Rancho Research Institute, Inc.  
(hereafter "Contractor")

Business Address:

P.O. Box 3500  
Los Amigos Station Downey

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain document entitled "Medical Research and Education Agreement," dated October 18, 1994, and further identified as Agreement No.: H-204040, and any amendments thereto (all hereafter referred to as "Agreement") and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto to amend Agreement to extend its term and to provide for the other changes set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Agreement provides that changes in accordance to Paragraph 19, Alteration of Terms may be made in the form of an Amendment which is formally approved and executed by the parties; and

WHEREAS, Contractor warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide services consistent with the requirements of this Agreement and consistent with the professional standard of care for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Amendment shall commence and be upon Board approval.
2. Agreement, Paragraph 1, Term, is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"1. TERM: This Agreement shall commence on November 1, 1994 and

shall continue in full force and shall expire on October 31, 2016. The County shall have the sole option to extend this Agreement term for up to twelve (12) months on a month-to-month basis for a maximum total Agreement term of 23 years. Each such option and extension shall be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director or his/her designee as authorized by the Board of Supervisors. In any event, either party may cancel or terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving at least three hundred and sixty-five (365) days' prior written notice to the other. Unless the Agreement is sooner cancelled or terminated.

3. Except for the changes set forth hereinabove, Agreement shall not be changed in any respect by this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be executed by the County's Director of Health Services and Contractor has caused this Amendment to be executed in its behalf by its duly authorized officer, the day, month, and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director of Health Services

CONTRACTOR

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Richard D. Weiss  
Acting County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Insert Title of Deputy)